

REMARKS

Claims 1-53 remain in this application. Claims 1, 5-9, 19-36, 52, and 53 have been amended. Claims 13-18 and 37-51 have been withdrawn.

In view of the examiner's restriction requirement, the applicants retain the right to present claims 13-18 and 37-51 and the embodiment of figures 4-5 in a divisional application.

I. NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

The examiner asserted that the Response to Office Action dated November 2, 2005 that was filed May 2, 2006 was non-compliant because the listing of the claims in the Response did not include the text of all pending claims, including withdrawn claims.

The applicants submit a corrected listing of the claims section as a correction for the non-compliant Response.

CONCLUSION

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the resolution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account Number 03-2769 (ref. 1391-43100) of Conley Rose, P.C., Houston, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

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